

**PAYETTE COMMUNITY FORESTRY COMMITTEE**  
**February 28th, 2012**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Larry Kelley, Tony Mell, Curt VanPatten & Gene Gray were present.

Members Absent: Dick Bronson

Staff Present: Randy Fales, Mary Cordova, Georgia Hanigan and Bobbie Black

General Public Present: None

Approve the minutes of the January 10, 2012, as written.

**OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Forest Management Plan: The Committee discussed the 2013 annual work plan.
  
- B. Trees in right of ways: Bert Osborn, City Attorney addressed the Commission. He discussed trees in the right of way. Mr. Osborn stated that the right of way should be well established, we have had problems in the past and if a tree interferes in the right of way, it is kept up or taken out. Mr. Gray asked how do we educate the public, a lot of people don't realize their tree is in the right of way and Mr. Osborn said the same way we notify everyone else. The City owns the right of way, but code states that the property owner is responsible to maintain it. When a tree is hazardous and a danger to the public, we would send the ordinance officer to talk to them and then a recommendation can be made to City Council through Mr. Fales. A certified letter to the property owner would be sent to tell him of the problem and that it needs to be addressed. If the property owner does not take care of it then the City does and then we file a lien against the property. Mr. Osborn stated that a qualified arborist can determine if the tree is a hazard and Mr. Fales is a certified arborist on staff.  
  
Larry Kelley made a motion to declare a public nuisance for trees at 420 & 434 North 9<sup>th</sup> Street and trees need to be removed due to them being dead, a cable is holding them up and they are a public hazard. The motion was seconded by Tony Mell and passed by unanimous voice approval.
  
- C. Arbor Day: Discussed Arbor Day on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The Committee would like to go to Mrs. Thompson's class on April 26<sup>th</sup> to plant trees with the students. Discussed the various items we will need to do that. Mr. Fales has the pots and soil, Idaho Power will supply the t-shirts and Mr. Gray has ordered the trees for the classroom.
  
- D. Hazardous trees: Addressed in item B.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Changes to Tree Ordinance: Bobbie Black informed the Commission that when the tree ordinance went to the codifier they noticed a few items that needed to be addressed. A new ordinance with the changes was presented to the Committee. Larry Kelley made a motion to recommend to City Council to adopt the ordinance for the changes to the tree ordinance. The motion was seconded by Tony Mell and passed by unanimous voice approval.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION** – None heard.

**AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

Discuss what tree we would like to plant for Arbor Day and where

**PUBLIC COMMENT** - None heard.

The next meeting will be held March 20th, 2012, at 3:00 pm at Payette City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M.

Recording Secretary  
Bobbie Black

